

Personal News, Facts, Fancies and Brief Happenings Abroad as Told by the Cables

SINN FEIN WELWIRE,  
WITH CHARMED LIFE,  
IS MICHAEL COLLINS

Expert on Irish Finances,  
and Leader of Island's  
Republican Army.

\$50,000 ON HIS HEAD ONCE

Engineered Famous Teeling  
Escape, Drove Motor From  
Jail as British Cursed.

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"Elusive" Michael Collins—there he goes, said an official of the Irish delegation as a burly figure burst through the door of 15 Cadogan Gardens, took two leaps down the front steps, another into a waiting motor car and was whisked away. And there wasn't a photograph within miles of the quiet back street resort of retired British colonels and dowagers with fixed incomes and more fixed ideas, off Sloan street, where the Irish delegation has its headquarters. "It is just Collins's way," the informant explained. "They say he is elusive, but it is just that he is busy. He is in Dublin last year I had a great many dealings with Collins in his capacity of Minister of Finance. His grasp of the entire intricate system, both of the British Government and Sinn Fein finance in Ireland, is so great and he has handled so many matters connected in one way or another with every department of the Daily Eireann that he has become confident that all the talk about Collins being the leader of the Irish republican army is just nonsense. No man could mix with army affairs, go on the expeditions he was credited with and have time to do the work he did as Finance Minister.

"Then later when I was the guest of the British Government at the Bally Kinkor internment camp the boys who were active members of the Irish republican army used to come to me and say: 'That must be all bluff about Collins being Minister of Finance. Sure he is a leader of the Irish republican army and is doing all he does with the army would have no time to monkey with this finance.'

Sceptic Is Convinced.  
"And they told me tales of Collins's other activities which I could not have believed unless I had heard them thus first hand. And since we have come to London and he has lived with him and I know now it is true.

"The man sleeps on an average only three hours out of twenty-four. Three stenographers have been allotted to him by the delegation. He started his day at seven in the morning and every night this week with all three of his own girls dropping with fatigue he has bounded into bed and slept for an hour or two of more work."

Collins's legendary prowess as the leader of Irish warfare and as a financier escapee in the British prison, the Sins of the Sins, through the losing of funds from one side to the other in the bitter game of warfare as carried on in Ireland for the last two years. Collins, however, is credited with having the entire tangled skein at his finger tips.

Helps Prisoners to Escape.

Only a few months ago he had time to drop it all for a few minutes to plan the escape of a prisoner from the Sins of the Sins. Three pretty little Irish girls of the Cumman Namban, or Girl Scouts, who were absent from their homes for only half an hour, started the jail by using three unsuspecting Tommies into a neighboring house. Instead of soft Irish eyes the Tommies faced the blue muzzles of Colt automatics once they got inside. They never saw a sight of the Irish boys in their uniforms who were held prisoners while others wearing those uniforms got to the prison gates, strolled out with Teeling, jumped into a waiting motor car and were whisked away.

The man who drove that motor car within a hundred yards of a whole garrison of soldiers, the police and a jail house in a man whose head was worth \$50,000 to any policeman who could deliver it. That man was Michael Collins. This exploit was typical of many which gave him the reputation of having a charmed life. His rise as an Irish militant leader had been fairly recent and few of the police knew him.

Although he was many times recognized in the streets of Dublin by those men and though they probably itched for that \$50,000 reward, they dared not touch him, for always, behind and before Collins as he strolled along, there walked a bodyguard of ready Tommies with their hands thrust significantly into their raincoat pockets—every one in Ireland wears a raincoat—and they knew that the first hostile move on the part of any policeman meant instant death for that policeman and not for Collins. By the time a policeman could summon a motive for Collins and his "formation" would be safely out of the way.

Collins Gets Little Sleep.

Why the police never found out where Collins slept is now explained by the fact that Collins never sleeps in the generally accepted sense of that term. He is robust physically and seems capable of any amount of sustained effort, either mental or physical. That he is on the side of peace is one of the best auguries of the entire negotiations. His desire for peace probably is also strengthened

FRIENDS FEAR COSTLY GIFTS  
IN SIR ERNEST CASSEL'S WILL

Executors Can't Afford to Be Stingy, but Tax on £10,000 Painting Would Be £4,000, So Legatees Hope for Cane or Photograph.

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The friends of Sir Ernest Cassel who were remembered in his will find themselves in an embarrassing position because of his neglect to provide for the payment of the succession duty. Consequently they must pay it, and some of them are hoping they will get a walking stick as a memento instead of some gift of great value. The will directed his wife, since dead, to select "objects of value" for about twenty-five friends. His fortune is so large that the duty in every case amounts to 40 per cent. Now the executors

cannot afford to be stingy and the legatees cannot afford to allow them to be too generous, for a painting worth a mere £10,000 from the famous collection of Sir Ernest would mean a tax of £4,000 for the person who received it. So some legatees would prefer a simple photograph to a priceless Van Dyck for the succession duty on a Van Dyck would ruin them. The executors therefore are in a quandary, as they must select things within the means of the recipients, because obviously the latter won't want to sell a gift from their departed friend. Among the legatees are Winston Churchill, Lord Reading and Lord Birkenhead.

X-RAY USED AS CURE  
FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Russian Bacteriologist Declares He Can Increase White Corpuseles.

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"I am absolutely certain that I have discovered a method of curing tuberculosis, no matter where it is located and no matter how serious it may be," declared Dr. Manoukhine, a Russian bacteriologist and bacteriologist, who is now in Paris. But after the numerous deceptions which have followed such predictions in the last twenty years the French medical world is not placing great credence in this Russian optimism, and is predicting that experiments which are now being arranged here for the purpose of serving the effect of the X-ray on the leucocytes. "It has been believed generally that the little white corpuseles in the blood were merely useful for the distribution of certain microbes met during circulation, but their role is greater than that," he continued. "They are actually discharging the blood itself and are carried through the system. By using the X-ray the proportion of these corpuseles is increased tremendously, while a peculiar fermentation is produced in the blood which aids in the solution of the leucocytes and works for devastation wherever bacilli are encountered, whether it is tuberculosis in a mild stage or merely a noncontagious disease."

Dr. Manoukhine asserted that he had treated more than 8,000 cases successfully in the last five years and has offered to give his services free if funds are forthcoming to install the necessary X-ray apparatus in several French hospitals. He insisted that once the Bolshevik regime in Russia ends he will be compelled, patriotically, to return to Moscow and open free hospitals for the millions of Russians who are suffering from tubercular diseases, due to insufficient food and the hardships of the last few years.

BRINGS LONDON STYLES  
FOR AMERICAN WOMEN

Bond St. Dressmaker Fights Parisian Fashions.

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Elisbeth Phelps, a Bond street dressmaker, will arrive in New York aboard the steamship Aquitania of the White Star Line with the latest London fashions, which she insists are better suited to the figure of the American woman than the styles of Paris. She had a large American clientele last season, and it is at the instance of her American patrons that she is now crossing the Atlantic.

The figure of the Parisian is dainty and petite, while the American woman has a fine, straight, athletic figure," she said. "The English are nearest their type."

Miss Phelps, who despite her marriage to Lionel Fox Pitt last year continues her designing of gowns under her maiden name, will exhibit her creations in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia. Her husband is a nephew of Lord Sheffield and the late Rosamond Countess of Carlisle.

WOMEN SWIMMERS ASK  
MALE INSTRUCTORS

Veto Plan to Employ Women in Nottingham Baths.

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A proposal before the Board of Aldermen at Nottingham to replace the male attendants at women's swimming baths with women attendants invoked such strenuous complaints on the part of the women themselves that the plan has been abandoned.

An unofficial plebiscite revealed that 30 per cent. of the women frequenting the swimming baths preferred men attendants, according to Alderman J. E. Pendleton, chairman of the baths committee. He said that women learning to swim demand men instructors because they have greater confidence in them and they give them an added sense of security in the water. Many women who are learning to swim said they would quit the municipal baths if attendants of their own sex were engaged.

BEGGING A FEATURE  
IN NEW GERMANY

Rules Against the Practice Winked At in Berlin These Days.

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Along with other pleasant relaxations of the republican days in Germany has come begging. In a land where the regulations against indiscriminate bathing cannot be enforced the rules against begging are equally in abeyance.

As you sit in a cafe on Potsdamer Platz there comes a low murmur, you look up and see a shabby college professor, but then all college professors are shabby. Not understanding his words you lean forward. "Music teacher from Koenigsberg, almost blind, unfortunately forced to beg," and the voice trails off into unintelligibility. The poor man is a refugee, a man of culture. Out comes twenty-five marks if you are an American, less if you are a German, but it comes. A murmur of thanks and he is gone to the next table, and with the same tale of woe.

Two days later, scene the same, victim the same, but not the music teacher. This time the murmur is "Ruined merchant from Upper Silesia," a different story, but the same man. Another day, wretchedly useful for the distribution of certain microbes met during circulation, but their role is greater than that," he continued. "They are actually discharging the blood itself and are carried through the system. By using the X-ray the proportion of these corpuseles is increased tremendously, while a peculiar fermentation is produced in the blood which aids in the solution of the leucocytes and works for devastation wherever bacilli are encountered, whether it is tuberculosis in a mild stage or merely a noncontagious disease."

HIGH ENGLISH POSTAGE  
DRIVES PRINTERS AWAY

Expenses Heavily Cut by Removal to France.

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The high cost of postage in England is driving circular printers to France, where postage rates and printing expenses are less than half those here. One instance is that of a large English firm of poster and circular printers who have opened in Boulogne, whence they are sending out a circular letter stating that they can print, fold, address and mail thousands of circulars for \$16.53, while in England the postage alone for a thousand such circulars would be \$16.25.

The growing competition from France is causing uneasiness among London printers. The postage rate in England is 2 cents for anything under one ounce.

FRENCH BLIND MAY  
LOSE ROYAL HOME

Famous Hospice Near Latin Quarter in Disrepair.

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Unless the official red tape can be cut, one of the few remaining establishments of France's glorious monarchical system will soon pass from existence. The Hospice des Quinze Vingts has been the home for 300 blind and their families, who had full use of the hospice, with an annual pension under an edict signed by Louis IX.

The ancient building has been remodelled many times, but it is considered to be in such a dangerous condition that the expulsion of the sightless inmates is being considered by the city authorities. Although it is located just outside the Latin Quarter, the Hospice is a little known tourist attraction. The inmates are so discreetly proud of being selected as worthy caves of royal philanthropy that they have always discouraged visitors and sympathy. It is now suggested that each family receive an army hut and a small garden plot far from the Parisian turmoil as a substitute for the thirteenth century grant which, numerous revolutions and crises apparently have overlooked.

SAVED THE HOGUE FLAG,  
GOES TO JAIL FOR THEFT

Fall of Stoker Who Rescued It in Submarine Attack.

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This vigorous address caused the

BRITAIN UNDERFRANCE  
BASK IN WARM WAVE,  
RAISE DOUBLE CROPS

Gardener in Bath Picks Strawberries—Fruit Trees Bearing Again.

SECOND HARVEST OF HAY

Lilacs Are Budding in Parisian Parks—Dressmakers Complain of Autumn's Delay.

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Continued attention on the part of the warm sun has caused hilarity in the flora and fauna of Great Britain. One gardener in Bath reports picking ten pounds of strawberries, the second crop of the season, the berries being excellent, juicy and full of flavor.

Meanwhile in the Midland counties and on the south coast apple trees and blooming and pear trees are bearing their second crop this year. Birds do not understand the extraordinary behavior of nature, and in Bedfordshire crows cawed in serious conference and concluded that spring had come, with the result that they set about building nests.

Hay Wonderfully Clean.

The meadows, although as hard as granite, are carrying a fine second crop of hay, and while the roots are small, the hay is wonderfully clean. It is, which has not fallen here in many months, is now needed badly, as the growing season approaches.

Peculiar happenings reported off the coast of England are attributed to the drought. Whales have been observed floating on the surface of the water, and the Dungeness fishing boats, and sharks and porpoises are "knocking around" in places where they were never seen before.

During the last few months the heat has been unprecedented, the mercury reaching eighty-four degrees on two or three consecutive days, and seldom falling below seventy degrees, while the weather prophets continue to predict warm, fine weather.

Paris Is Rejoicing.

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Paris is rejoicing over the warmest autumn in more than 100 years, which is causing uneasiness among London printers. The postage rate in England is 2 cents for anything under one ounce.

Along the Rue de la Paix, the boulevard, the Rue Royale and even up the Champs Elysees the fashion fiers declare that they have taken a new direction, because their clients are refusing to buy fall gowns as long as the warm weather continues. Efforts to cover a part of the losses by a fur trade in the autumn styles failed to impress the buyers, who are waiting to see whether the winter will be cold enough even for furs.

French meteorologists say that it is impossible to predict what kind of a winter it will be as it is not known what is causing the unusually warm winter. The general belief is that the upper wind currents have taken a new direction, and if this is true Paris may outlive the Riviera as far as climate is concerned for many years.

RISSES AT FIRST OPERA

Performance of "Surprise" at Naples Ends in Uproar.

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Rome, Oct. 22.—The first performance of Signor Marinetti's "Futurist" opera "Surprise," at Naples was given in a theatre which was so crowded that there were twenty or thirty people in every box. All the members of the company except the dancers were "hissed," and the author's long lecture on "futurism" was coldly received.

The performance ended amid uproar.

OLD AGE JUST A POSE,  
SAYS FAMOUS SURGEON

Sir James Cantlie Carries His Campaign for Physical Jerks and Bends Among London Women—All Begin Exercising.

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FRANCE WILL OPEN  
HER INTERNATIONAL  
EXHIBITION IN 1923

Event, Postponed by the War, Will Last About Six Months.

AMERICAN ART TO FRONT

Armand Dayot, Fine Arts Inspector, Obtains Assurance of Government Support.

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France will retake her position as arbiter of the world's art destinies in the spring of 1923, when the great International Exhibition which was postponed by the war is scheduled to open in the Grand Palais unless the cubists and other modernists create an opposition stronger than they did when the project was first mentioned in 1914.

Armand Dayot, Inspector-General of Fine Arts, is behind the movement and has already obtained assurance of governmental support, although it will be necessary for two Parisian salons to find a temporary home elsewhere when the exhibition will last from May to October.

While not professing Communist tendencies Dayot is a firm believer in the international system if applied to art, as it would rid the world of much of the rubbish now shown at smaller exhibits if a definite standard whereby to measure art is devised, and this is only possible, he says, by a comparison of the best efforts of all nations.

Before the war Germany was on the point of organizing a great international art show. In fact the exhibition in Munich, where France was well represented in 1914, was to have been expanded in order to uphold French supremacy. It is intended to devote at least half of the Grand Palais purely to French art, showing not only modern ideals but giving the artist a new direction, because their clients are refusing to buy fall gowns as long as the warm weather continues.

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NO RELIEF FOR INVENTOR  
IN VAUDEVILLE WAGER

Loses Jacket, Money and Court Appeal.

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John Bull, inventor of a straitjacket, claimed before the Kingston court that he had not had a straight deal in a \$50 wager with Val Walker, a music hall artist. Bull said he lost his jacket and had accepted a challenge from the comedian that he could extricate himself from any straitjacket in the world and the \$50 was his.

Bull then invented a straitjacket in which before an audience Walker was encased and inside of forty-five minutes freed himself and then proceeded to put the jacket and give bits of it to the audience. Bull claimed \$10 damages for the destruction of the jacket, but the Judge said the plaintiff must risk a damaged jacket in a test of this kind.

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GEO. BERNARD SHAW DOZES  
AS HIS PLAY BORES HEARERS

'Heartbreak House' Is Failure on First Night Presentation in London Theatre—Lack of Movement and Too Much Verbiage Are Blamed.

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George Bernard Shaw's most striking failure was on the occasion of the first night of "Heartbreak House" at the Court Theatre here. It was played before a distinguished but bored audience, and when J. B. Fagan, who produced it, was requested to call Mr. Shaw for a speech, he announced that Mr. Shaw was asleep in his box. Arnold Bennett and his friend Cunn-

ingham Graham were among the most notable dozers. The latter could not stand the boredom after the first act and walked out of the theatre. Others present included Ellen Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lorraine, Elsie Janis and Cathleen Nesbitt. "Heartbreak House" was played in the beginning of the war but was taken off after a short run, the time being considered unripe for its presentation. The play's failure is through lack of movement and an overwhelming flow of verbiage.

MACHINES OUSTING  
BRITISH DAIRY MAID

Button Pressing and Engine Cranking Supplanting Old Time Drudgery.

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The holding of the annual dairy show this week in London's most congested district—Islington—proved conclusively that machinery is at last ousting the dairy maid from the British farm, but they have been a battle royal for early seats. The fight for the abolition of these waiting lines has been long drawn out. Health authorities said the practice spread influenza, and traffic authorities claimed it caused blockades, but theatrical producers believed it to be a first rate advertisement, and there is an unexplainable feeling of joy with which the line look forward from the dewy dawn to the dim, silvery twilight to hearing their favorite.

The London theatre line is unique for its formation and composition. The first half dozen persons are generally grim and determined women who through a feeling of superiority in being the first to arrive maintain an orderly queue, squinted on ill balanced camp stools. With them order finds and is substituted by the finest system of poaching ever invented. Every imaginable specimen of trousered or skirted humanity can be seen standing not in line but in groups, each waiting to get the other's place, and generally getting it, while along the sidewalk for the entire length of the line, which may extend a hundred yards, old men, blind men, funny men, jugglers, ventriloquists, singers and talkers entertain the crowd for an hour or two preceding the opening of the box office.

When a shy clerk steps forward to give a penny to a poor little boy who finds singing and dancing the easiest way to get a cigarette, a determined young woman next to him grabs his place. This happens all down the line while gradually the line is getting thicker and thicker instead of longer, and in the end the agility of others generally beats the old dames with their camp stools. A policeman is appointed to keep order in the line, but he is generally too busy keeping the all fresco entertainers from singing, dancing, juggling, &c., simultaneously, hence the guardian of the law seldom influences the race for seats, which resolves itself into the survival of the fittest.

BRINGS MUMMIFYING  
PROCESS TO AMERICA

Discoverer Finds France Cold to His System.

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Unable to interest Paris embalmers in his new discovery, which he guarantees will preserve a lifelike appearance in corpses for at least five years, Dr. Edmond Bartha has decided to appeal to American undertakers to exploit his system, which he believes to be the same as that used in the times of the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

"The French have shown a polite interest in the results of my investigations," Dr. Bartha said, "but evidently it is impossible to transform French psychology immediately. They have established a system involving Government supervision of their burials and it is notable that although millions of them profess to be free thinkers they will adhere to traditional methods of burying their dead."

"In the United States, where science is appreciated for its value from practical standpoints, I feel sure the mummifying system will be accepted immediately, to a great advance in the embalming science."

Dr. Bartha discovered his process while studying real Egyptian mummies in Hungarian laboratories.

ANOTHER NOTED ESTATE  
IN ENGLAND TO BE SOLD

Seat of Earls in Essex at Watford on Block.

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Another of England's historic estates is about to be sold because of the heavy taxation, the seat of the Earls of Essex, Cassiobury Park at Watford, Herts, and its famous collection of works of art.

The traditions of Cassiobury Park go back almost beyond authentic history. It is said to have been the seat of Cassiobury, King of the Cassi. In the eighteenth century the King of Mercia gave the manor to the monastery of St. Albans. The galleries include family portraits by Van Dyck, Reynolds, Lely and Kneller, and celebrated tapestries after Teniers.

The dowager Countess of Essex was Adela Grant, daughter of the late Beach Grant of New York.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD  
MAKES £500,000 PROFIT

Final Report Shows Gain of 40 Per Cent. in Capital.

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A profit of more than £500,000 was realized by the Central Control Board in handling the liquor traffic of the British Isles since it began this undertaking in the early days of the war.

The final report issued as a white paper shows a 40 per cent. gain of the capital employed.

LONDON TO ABOLISH  
ITS THEATRE LINES

Playgoers Club Calls for Advance Sale of Cheaper Pit Seats.

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The Playgoers Club has voted unanimously for the abolition of waiting lines at the entrances to the cheaper seats in theatres and in favor of advanced booking for the 50 cent pit seats just behind the \$1 orchestra rows. Hitherto there has been a battle royal for early seats. The fight for the abolition of these waiting lines has been long drawn out. Health authorities said the practice spread influenza, and traffic authorities claimed it caused blockades, but theatrical producers believed it to be a first rate advertisement, and there is an unexplainable feeling of joy with which the line look forward from the dewy dawn to the dim, silvery twilight to hearing their favorite.

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